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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 August 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14 and 16-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14, 16, 17, 20 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The indicated allowability of ***claims 14 and 16-21*** are withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Hicks et al.. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Double Patenting

A rejection based on double patenting of the "same invention" type finds its support in the language of 35 U.S.C. 101 which states that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process ... may obtain a patent therefor ..." (Emphasis added). Thus, the term "same invention," in this context, means an invention drawn to identical subject matter. See *Miller v. Eagle Mfg. Co.*, 151 U.S. 186 (1894); *In re Ockert*, 245 F.2d 467, 114 USPQ 330 (CCPA 1957); and *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970).

A statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection can be overcome by canceling or amending the conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. The filing of a terminal disclaimer cannot overcome a double patenting rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 101.

1. ***Claim 19*** objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of ***claim 18***. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. ***Claims 14, 16-17 and 20-21 are*** rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hicks et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,016,424).

Regarding ***claim 14***, Hicks et al. discloses a message delivery method providing a mobile station user notification of the delay of teleservices, comprising:

- determining whether a delay timer parameter (Delay-TMR)(40), which reads on claim “expected delay,” for delivery of an electronic message is less than a R-delay period (95), which reads on claim, “threshold delay,” wherein the said (Delay-TMR)(40) is the expected delay for delivery of an electronic message by a Base station/mobile station interworking function (BMI, column 2 lines 20-30), which reads on claim “message gateway.” See column 2 lines 42-67;
- creating the electronic message only after determining that the said (Delay-TMR)(40), is less than the said R-delay period (95). See column 3 lines 60-67 and column 4 lines 1-5, whereby Hicks teaches that if a new teleservice transaction is to be sent a new message is created and replaces the messages in the queue; and
- sending the electronic message to the said BMI only after determining that the said (Delay-TMR)(40) is less than the said R-delay period (95). See column 3 lines 1-8 and column 4 lines 2-5.

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Regarding **claim 16**, according to **claim 14**, Hicks et al. continues to disclose wherein determining whether the (Delay-TMR)(40) is less than a threshold delay includes sending a R-Data message (25), which reads on claim “delay query.” See column 2 lines 45-59.

Regarding **claim 17**, according to **claim 14**, Hicks et al. continues to disclose wherein determining whether the (Delay-TMR)(40) is less than a R-delay period (95) includes receiving a R-Data Information element (35), which reads on claim “received delay report.” See column 2 lines 49-59.

Regarding **claim 20**, according to **claim 14**, Hicks et al. continues to disclose wherein determining whether the (Delay-TMR)(40) exceeds a R-delay period (95) includes:

- receiving a R-Data Information element (35), that indicates the length of the said (Delay-TMR)(40). See column 2 lines 49-59; and
- comparing the (Delay-TMR)(40) to the R-delay period (95). See column 3 lines 34-51.

Regarding **claim 21**, according to **claim 14**, Hicks et al. continues to disclose wherein the electronic message is a short message service message. See column 2 lines 26-34.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 18 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to ***claims 14, 16-17 and 19-21*** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RANDY PEACHES whose telephone number is (571) 272-7914. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on (571) 272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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